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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel for Special Programs
Deputy Director of Personnel for Policy, Analysis, and Evaluations

FROM:

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SUBJECT: House Hearing on H.R. 3748

REFERENCE: Memorandum for DD/PERS/SP, dated 23 January 1984, Subject: H.R. 3748 (att'd)

1. Attached for your information and use is a set of opening statements and prepared testimony presented at the subject 7 February 1984 hearing, conducted by the Compensation and Employee Benefits Subcommittee of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. The issue involved is that of including within the early retirement provisions of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) the inspectors in both the Customs Service and in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), via amendment to Title 5 of the United States Code.

2. The statements of particular interest to me, and I suspect to you as well, are those of the Chairwoman, Ms. Oakar (D,OH), of Congressman Swift (D,WA), the sponsor of H.R. 3748, and of Mr. Jim Morrison, Associate Director of Compensation, Office of Personnel Management (OPM). As one might expect, OPM is playing hardball against the legislation, on the grounds that it does not want any expansion to the already overly generous provisions of the CSRS, at least until the Congress has enacted new and more reasonably-priced supplemental retirement legislation.

3. Given the OPM opposition to the bill, it is not likely that it will succeed to enactment this session. This fact notwithstanding, the bill is an interesting one in that it provides an insight into the "hazardous occupation"/early retirement provisions of the CSRS for our possible consideration in a supplemental retirement context.

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Attachments:
As stated